

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A tamper-evident closure for a container, the closure comprising:

a first portion including an inner and outer ~~parts,~~ part; and

a second portion, is the outer part being movable relative to the inner part from a first position in which the outer part is immediately adjacent the second portion to a second position in which there is an unobstructed gap therebetween, the inner and outer parts ~~are adapted~~ being constructed and arranged to become irreversibly locked in the second position so that the outer part cannot be moved back to the first position to close the gap.

2. (Currently Amended) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the second portion is ~~adapted~~ constructed and arranged to be connected to a container and the first portion comprises a cap.

3. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 2, wherein the second portion is permanently fixed in its position on the container.

4. (Currently Amended) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the first portion is ~~adapted~~ constructed and arranged to engage an in-bore fitment associated with the container.

5. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the first portion includes a ratchet arrangement for locking the inner and outer parts in the second position.

6. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 5, wherein the first portion includes engagement formations and the ratchet arrangement is located above the formations.

7. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the gap is formed at the respective adjacent peripheries of the portions.

8. (Currently Amended) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the inner part includes a ~~part~~ an extension which extends beyond the outer part towards the second portion in the second position, the ~~part is~~ extension being positioned so as to be visible through the gap.

9. (Currently Amended) In combination a container and a tamper-evident closure, the ~~closure~~ combination comprising:

a first portion including an inner and outer ~~parts~~, part; and

a second portion, the second portion ~~is~~ being connected to the container and the first portion ~~is~~ being a removable top cap, the first portion outer part ~~is~~ being movable relative to the inner part from a first position in which the outer part is immediately adjacent the second portion to a second position in which there is an empty, unobstructed gap therebetween, ~~thereafter~~ wherein in the second position the first portion is removable and the inner and outer parts are ~~adapted to become~~ constructed and arranged to be irreversibly locked in the second position, so that the outer part cannot be moved back to the first position to close the gap when the first portion is replaced.

10. (Currently Amended) A combination according to claim 9, ~~wherein the combination further comprises~~ further comprising an in-bore fitment connectable to the container, the first portion being ~~adapted~~ constructed and arranged to engage the fitment.